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May 1, 2002

Mary Jean Brady, Area Head
Site Management
Washington Gas Company
6801 Industrial Road
Springfield, Virginia 22151

RE: Voluntary Cleanup Program
Hyattsville Gas Former Manufactured Gas Plant
4609 Tanglewood Drive
Edmonston, Maryland

Dear Ms. Brady:

The Department has reviewed the March 27, 2002 risk assessment addendum submitted by Washington Gas for the above referenced property located in Prince George's County, Maryland. Results of this review indicate that all of the Department's July 11, 2001 risk assessment comments have been adequately addressed. Therefore, the Department approves the October 10, 2000 *Human and Ecological Risk Assessment - Former Manufactured Gas Plant, Hyattsville, Maryland*, as amended by the March 27, 2002 addendum.

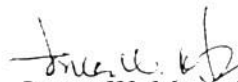
When developing the response action plan (RAP) for the property, be sure to include appropriate institutional controls such as a groundwater-use prohibition and non-residential (property) use restriction. Be sure to address all of the human health and ecological concerns identified in the approved risk assessment and addendum.

The RAP must also include a requirement to notify the Department prior to any on-site excavation activities. It must outline proper procedures for handling, characterizing, and disposing of excavated materials and ensuring the health and safety of on-site workers. It must also address potential vapor intrusion concerns at the site by requiring either the installation of vapor barriers beneath all future on-site buildings or soil sampling across the site for elemental mercury (the vapor intrusion risk driver) to demonstrate the lack of a volatilization risk.

The Department confirms that Washington Gas, in correspondence dated November 1, 2001 and December 6, 2001, has also adequately addressed our July 11, 2001 requests for: (1) information on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's future plans for the shallow groundwater beneath the site; (2) a review of the top of clay elevation data for the site; and (3) a written response concerning the final disposition of the two drums and stained soil observed at the site on December 17, 1998 and December 2, 1999.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call Brian Dietz or me at 410-631-3493.

Sincerely,



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Voluntary Cleanup/Brownfields Division

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